Hardship faced by public sector wagon building units

384. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public sector wagon building units are facing hardship due to non-placement of orders for wagon by the Railway Ministry; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Goverment to save these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Heavy Industry have been vigorously pursuing the matter with the Ministry of Railways for allocation of additional wagons orders. To partially make up for the heavy short-fall in wagon orders the wagon manufacturing units of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. are making efforts to get into the export market and exploring the possibilities of larger non-wagon orders.

Procurement of wagon by Railways

385. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Industry have taken up the matter with Railway Ministry for expediting the wagon procurement; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the year 1994-95 the Ministry of Railways have placed orders for 7860 four wheelers.

Revival of Reyrolle Burn Limited

386. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reyrolle Burn Ltd. was taken over by Government in June, 1990 and if so, whether a revival package of Rs. 210 lakhs was formulated by IRBI;

(b) whether the total share of the financial institutions was disbursed within the stipulated time for revival, if not, was there any budgetary support from Government during the revival period to compensate the undisbursed amount from the financial institutions and the Banks;

(c) whether the Company was required to post eight personnels in key areas during the revival process and if so, whether they were posted, if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether United Bank of India had charged a higher interest at the rate of 19.5 per cent instead of 16.5 per cent as stipulated in the package scheme; and

(e) whether inspite of the above company has been showing improvement in performance and if so, whether the company has still been referred to BIFR, though the original revival package scheme could not be implemented because of the failure of the concerned agencies to conply with the stipulations in the original rehabilitation package and if so, what steps are being taken by Government to revive the company as a promoter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A revival package involving investment of Rs. 210 lakhs in the Co. comprised payment of Rs. 75 lakhs by the Government, Rs. 40 lakhs each by Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) and Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and Rs. 55 lakhs by United Bank of India (UBI). Against this, Rs. 10 lakhs each by IRBI & IDBI and Rs. 23.50 lakhs by UBI are yet to be disbursed.

(c) As per the revival package eight officers were to be recruited. Six officers besides the Managing Director were posted. However due to unattractive pay packet, one officer